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In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claim 1-13: (cancelled).

Claim 14 (original): A digital camera, comprising:

an image pickup portion which converts light from an object to be photographed, into image data;

a display portion capable of displaying a plurality of set information items;

a plurality of input devices;

a circularly displaying device which circularly displays a plurality of alternatives whenever input to at least one of the input devices is performed when the number of the alternatives of the set information items is not larger than a predetermined number;

a displaying device which displays a selection screen on the display portion when input to at least one of the input devices has been performed in case where the number of the alternatives of the set information items is larger than a predetermined number;

a control portion which controls the digital camera in accordance with at least one of the set information items; and

a shutter button capable of inputting an instruction to start photographing to the control portion.

Claim 15 (original): The digital camera of claim 14, wherein the input devices include:  
a plurality of first input devices disposed along a periphery of the display portion in a first direction which is in parallel with an axial line of the shutter button; and  
a plurality of second input devices disposed in a second direction perpendicular to the first direction.

Claim 16 (original): The digital camera of claim 15, wherein the first input devices are disposed along a first side surface of the display portion adjacent to the shutter button, and the second input devices are disposed along a second side surface of the display portion opposite to a third side surface of the display portion adjacent to the shutter button, across the display portion.

Claim 17 (original): The digital camera of claim 16, wherein the input devices are disposed adjacent to a plurality of set information items displayed on the display portion, respectively.

Claim 18 (original): The digital camera of claim 17, wherein the set information items include at least one kind of set information of shutter speed, aperture, white balance, and flash.

Claim 19 (original): The digital camera of claim 17, wherein the display portion is capable of displaying an image in accordance with the image data.

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Claim 20 (original): The digital camera of claim 17, wherein the selection screen displays all of the alternatives of the set information items.